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**RE: NCPC Comments on the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan**

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan* (Development Plan). The comments provided below focus on the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC) role as the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region. NCPC coordinates all federal planning activities in the region, and has several planning functions: comprehensive planning; project planning; federal project and master plan reviews; and multi-year federal capital improvements planning.

We find the recommendations in the Development Plan to be consistent with the planning principles and policies of the *Comprehensive Plan of the National Capital: Federal Elements* (Comprehensive Plan). The Plan, which calls for transit-oriented development while emphasizing environmental stewardship, reinforces regional goals articulated in NCPC's Comprehensive Plan.

Regional mobility in the growing National Capital Region significantly affects federal operations. We welcome the Development Plan's action steps toward improved transit accessibility, which include TM 13.1: *Extend the WMATA Metrorail Green Line to Thurgood Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport*, TM 13.2: *Explore full-day extension of Yellow Line Service to Prince-George's Plaza*, and TM 16.2: *Construct a second permanent entrance to the Metro station at the west end of the platforms*. These policies are consistent with a number of Comprehensive Plan policies, including *Support capacity and service expansion of the regional Metrorail and Metrobus systems, and other local and regional transit services*.

The Comprehensive Plan also prioritizes improving the region's water quality, such as the policy to: *Encourage participation in regional agreements and programs that improve water quality and address watershed issues*. The Development Plan's proposed action steps PR 1.1: *Acquire land to develop parks and public spaces*" and NE 2.2: *Identify locations for stream stabilization projects and...consult with the Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Plan...* are commendable. The Prince George's Plaza Transit District is between two Capper-Cramton stream valleys that flow into the Anacostia River. Improving environmental quality, specifically

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the Anacostia River is an important federal goal. We encourage you to continue coordinating with federal agencies such as the Corps of Engineers.

We appreciate Community Heritage, Culture and Design Action Steps to evaluate Metro 1, 2, and 3 for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. These former federal facilities designed by Edward Durrell Stone merit consideration.

We look forward to future coordination with the Prince George's County Planning Department. Please contact Kael Anderson at (202)482-7273 or [kael@ncpc.gov](mailto:kael@ncpc.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcel Acosta', with a stylized, cursive script.

Marcel Acosta  
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